

Shell indifferent to native rights in Alberta

by Kyle Cormier

McGill Development and Peace co-ordinators Killian Holland and Mark Gaber claim Shell Oil made false statements about its intentions to help the Lubicon Indians, on whose land the company has drilling rights in an official letter.

Shell's letter came in response to a letter Gaber and Holland sent in November.

According to Holland, "Shell deliberately tried to mislead us. When directly questioned on the benefits they had given the Lubicon, they came up with a series of half-truths."

Gaber and Holland accused Shell of hypocrisy over its recent ad campaign for *The Spirit Sings* exhibit in Calgary, during the Olympics, which stressed Shell's repeated reference to a substantial "community investment programme."

"What we did was to take what (Shell) said about themselves, and looked to see if there was any basis of truth in it," said Holland.

The letter reads, "Shell Canada considers its native involvement activities to be a matter of importance. They have three related aims. First, to make native people aware of business opportunities associated with Shell operations. Second, to encourage native peoples to take these opportunities. Third to help

train natives to take available positions. Over the years, Lubicon band members have benefited from such Shell initiatives."

But according to Lubicon spokesperson Fred Lennarson, Shell had never hired a Lubicon band member. "The idea that Shell helps employ natives is simply not true. All the companies in the region have a terrible record of employing native people."

According to Lennarson, the Shell training program requires a grade 12 education, but most of the Lubicons have no more than grade 8.

Said Holland, "The fact is that Shell's 'community investment programme' has not done a thing to help educate the Cree where they would be at the level to take a decent job."

"Shell's reply to the committee looked like another form of advertising. It came complete with an issue of the Glenbow Museum

magazine. Shell placed blame for the situation entirely upon the federal and Alberta governments and the Lubicon for not coming to an agreement," he said.

For almost fifty years the Lubicon have been trying to come to terms with the federal and provincial governments. The failure of any agreement has allowed companies like Shell to extract oil and gas without compensating the Lubicon.

The effects of drilling have been devastating to the once self-sufficient community hunting and trapping-based Lubicon community. Game have been chased off and trap lines cut. The unemployment rate now stands at 90 per cent. It was 5 per cent before the arrival of the oil companies.

"The difference with Shell," said Holland, "is that they are actually promoting this 'involvement with the community'. The other oil companies in the Lubicon region have tried to keep a low profile."



A traditional native rattle, logo of *The Spirit Sings*. Native groups are protesting Shell's sponsorship of the exhibit.

Gallery owner challenges law

by Pierre Tordjman

Galerie Fokus owner, Eibie Weizfeld, is challenging the constitutionality of a law which limits public display of erotic material. Weizfeld was recently charged with violating this law after exhibiting a photo of a woman holding an erect penis in his gallery.

Weizfeld said he is challenging the law because "it impinges on the freedom of expression and of association, as outlined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms." Section 171, 1(b) of the criminal code states everyone who openly exposes an indecent exhibition in a public place is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction. The maximum sentence is a \$1,000 fine or a six month jail term, or both.

Stewart Russel, Weizfeld's lawyer, said, "the challenge could be successful. We have a reasonable argument, and although there has been no decision on this particular aspect of the Code, there exist similar cases which can be referred to."

If the Supreme Court does not rule the contested law unconstitutional, Russel will propose that his client be acquitted, because "the photo was a work of art, and wasn't indecent." To make his point, Russel will call as witnesses a sexologist and a professor of fine arts.

Weizfeld has been charged twice in connection with the contested photo. Last summer, Galerie Fokus held an exhibit of photographs by

Martin Lebovitz on the theme of reproduction. The controversial picture was seized in July, and Weizfeld was charged with having "openly exposed in a public place an indecent thing."

Two weeks later, the police returned, broke into Weizfeld's gallery and ordered him to remove a display sandwichboard copy of the photo reproduced by the Montréal cultural weekly *Voir*. Weizfeld refused and the police stole the board. Weizfeld was charged with having "illegally troubled the peace."

Weizfeld's trial for the first charge is scheduled for March 11th, and the second for March 14th. Until then, Galerie Fokus goes on. The present exhibit is dedicated to Anthony Griffin, a black youth shot on Remembrance Day by the Montréal police.

Council says yes to Access

by Shelley Fishbach

Students' Society council stopped stalling at last night's meeting and voted to hold a student referendum for a \$2 fee increase to raise funds for disabled student services.

"It's disgusting that a university of our esteemed calibre is lagging behind in our services and equipment for the disabled," said Social Work rep to council Arfona Zwiers.

Zwiers, who worked with Access McGill coordinator Sam Miller on the referendum motion, said funding through students is the only alternative left.

The fee increase would bring disabled students an estimated \$150 000 per year in equipment and services, and will be in effect for two years.

A joint Senate and Board of Governors (BoG) committee on disabled students will be in charge of allocating the funds. "No one group will be fighting for funding," said Miller who attended the meeting in support of the referendum.

But the increase will not bring in enough money for the ramp and elevator for the Union Building requested from the administration.

Miller said the administration doesn't see the needs of the 70 disabled students on campus as a priority. "This University is playing Russian Roulette with the academic careers of disabled students," Miller said.

He said that McGill's services were so inadequate compared to Concordia University and CEGEPs that the coordinator of disabled services at Dawson College told disabled students "they should not consider attending McGill University."

Dean of Students Irwin Gopnik admitted the administration does not provide adequate funding for disabled students but said that no requests for any disabled student services had been turned down. He said the administration would be

glad to have additional funding from students but that an outside campaign to raise funds is necessary.

While some councillors were eager to send a letter to BoG stating "Students' Society deplors the lack of effort the University has committed to help disabled students," others were unsure, and the motion was tabled.

A ceiling price on campaign spending was also passed to ensure equal representation for each candidate in Students' Society elections. Presidential candidates can spend no more than \$400 and vice-presidential candidates no more than \$300. They will only be reimbursed for this amount if they receive 10% of the total vote.



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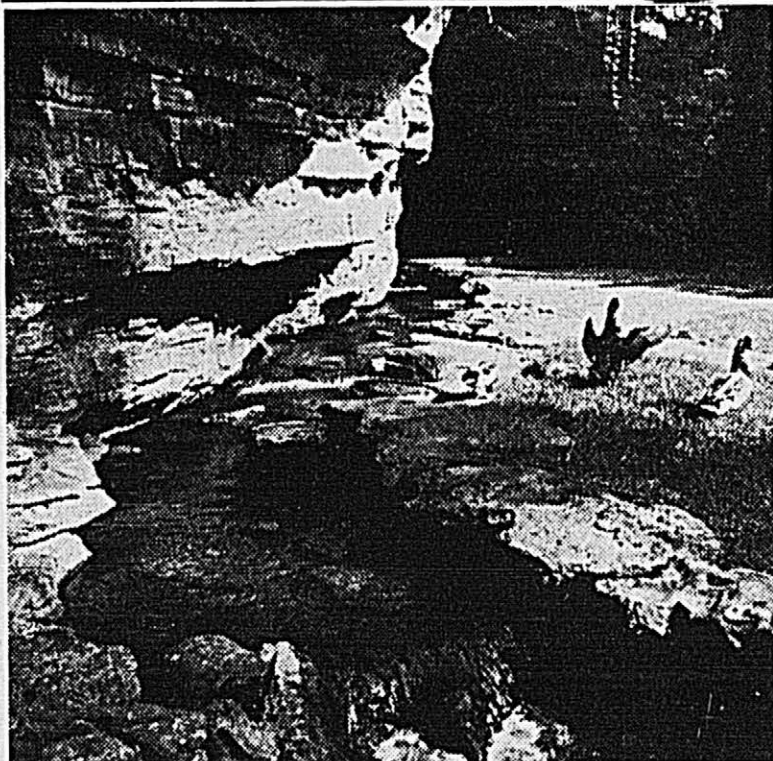
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Res council leaves some halls unhappy

by Robert Steiner

Three McGill residence councils have refused to publicize an inter-hall talent show because of objections to the way in which it is being planned.

Gardner Hall, Douglas Hall and Royal Victoria College said there was no vote to approve the event or its budget, which includes \$750 in prizes. Presidents of all three halls have accused Inter-Residence Council (IRC) president Dee Wallace of proceeding with the talent show without approval. McConnell and Molson Halls are auditioning talent show acts.

"I don't know where the ideas for the show came from," Gardner's President Jon Cutler said. "(Wallace) is not following the layout of the constitution."

Taro Kaibara, one of Douglas' two presidents agreed. "We're not being listened to at all, there were no votes at our last meeting. The talent show was decided off the top of her head."

But Wallace said a talent show

plan suggested by the IRC executive was approved at a general council meeting two weeks ago, and general expenditures for the show were budgeted in September. She recalled a debate over the proposed amount of prize money at the last IRC meeting, but the issue never came to a vote.

The talent show highlights widespread objections to Wallace's administration. Budgetary problems in particular have prompted some hall officials to suggest that the IRC executive is trying to make up for a year of inaction by throwing money at the residences in the last semester.

Former IRC executive Stephen 'Gaz' Matthews said no entertainment budgets had been approved up to the expiry of his council membership in December. According to him, the general budget adopted in September put money aside for unspecified entertainment and social events. Each event was to have its own budget, suggested by a fifteen person entertainment committee and adopted by a full meeting of

the IRC.

"We might have discussed these ideas in principle, but money was certainly never approved," he said. "At no point last term did we have a specific events budget."

At a University Residence Council meeting Wallace also offered five hundred dollars to each residence with self-improvement suggestions. The decision was never approved by IRC.

RVC President Lynn Maxwell considered the plan to be a payoff to neglected halls.

But the real problem, according to IRC executives, is rampant resident apathy. When Council's Vice-President internal resigned at the beginning of the year, Molson resident Jeremy Hitzig was acclaimed to the position amidst complaints that the election had not been advertised widely enough. Joanna Broadhurst had a similar experience, running with no opposition for the VP finance post.

"The apathy is incredibly frustrating," said Wallace. She blamed the lack of interest among this

year's residents on a new McGill policy which restricts the number of older students allowed to return to the halls. "New students just don't have the memories of what events are good, and what needs work," she explained.

The irregularity of council meetings, which are supposed to be held every month, is also blamed on apathy. Only three meetings have been held this year. The last one, held on the night of Douglas Hall's general elections, was attended by only one hall president.

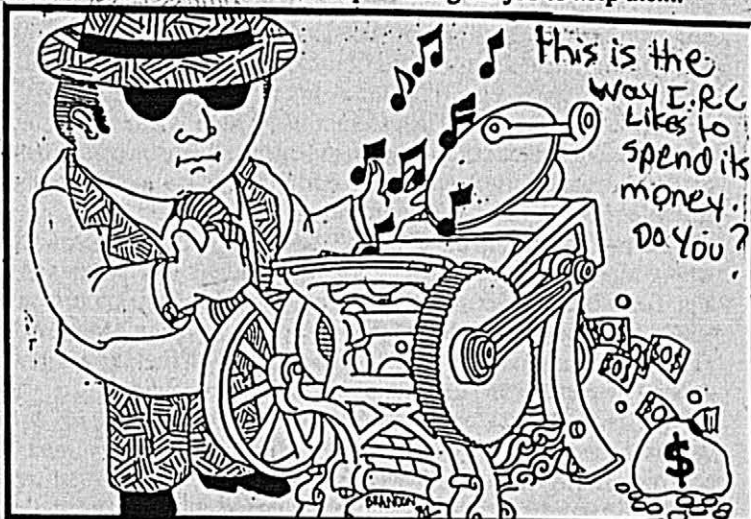
The IRC was criticized in Sep-

tember, after the IRC street dance and the first weekly residence De-tour party. Kaibara is disappointed with the number of problems.

"IRC could be so powerful for students," he said. "It could have lots of events with the money it's been given."

Dee Wallace also finds her original hopes dampened by recent events.

"We just want to take the money we have and give it back to students. They don't have to know who we are in the IRC. We're just doing the job to help them."



City doesn't hear minorities

by Mitu Sengupta

Close to forty multicultural and multiethnic communities will participate in six public consultations organized by the City of Montréal in February, but many groups think the hearings are insufficient to address the problem of race relations in Montréal.

According to commission member Sam Boskey, the recommendations made by the various communities will be part of a report to the City's Executive committee which will make new cultural policies for Montréal. "The city wants to know what the needs of our multicultural society are," he said. "The consultations will open the doors to suggestions made by Montréal's different communities."

The report will be presented in March, but policy implementation may take up to a year. Some groups

say the lengthy process denies the urgency of the situation. "We feel that a plan of immediate action is absolutely necessary," said Fred Anderson of the Foundation for Minority Arts and Culture.

The commission was also criticized for its limited powers and narrow scope. "There's not much we can say or do when the commission is dealing with such a specific topic and denying to consider anything else," said Bryan Maged of the Club Bande Dessinée de Montréal. "There's a certain naïveté in the debates here because the commission is ruling out central facts of discrimination that go together with the concept of cultural development."

Affirmative action policies were recommended by many groups.

Ivaline Fleming of the Jamaica Association of Montréal recommended that the city adopt such a

policy, aimed at "the honest process of recruiting competent and qualified Blacks into the Ethnic Corps and the civilian support service personnel."

Clarence Bayne of the Black Theatre Workshop recommended affirmative action in hiring as well. "We recognize that consultation does open up this commission to input from all segments of the community, but it gives them no real power in the final formation of policy," he said.

But Boskey said affirmative action policies were beyond his commission's mandate. "Please limit your recommendations to cultural development in the city of Montréal and how we can improve cultural relations in our various communities," he said.

But, said Bayne, "a policy of affirmative action cannot be separated from the needs of the city's

cultural and ethnic communities."

"The transition to multiculturalism as a policy is not reflected in the bureaucracy that implements broad policy," said Bayne. "Various cultural commissions and agencies controlled by the city must reflect the cultural and racial realities of Montréal."

Anderson called for "a more direct relationship with the mayor and executive committee," in the form of a consultative committee of representatives drawn from cultural communities and visible minority organizations to report directly to the mayor. "Public consultations are machine through which data is presented to you," said Anderson to the commission. "This is not a complete consultative process."

The Black Theatre Workshop recommended more city support for small theatre, dance, music and

other artistic organizations. "We see, especially within the Black community, that a level of professional excellence is expected before the city extends its support to small artistic organizations." Anderson said the Conseil des Arts should look at potential for development rather than professional excellence when developing new criteria for financial support, as there is a scarcity of professional artists in some communities.

Other suggestions included the development of a bursary system to aid students from various communities and help them develop artistic abilities, and city-sponsored cultural exchange programmes.

"We can only take these consultations at their face value," said Anderson. "The final outcome of these meetings may or may not meet our expectations."

Scrap fights Paradis' reform

by Salimah Valiani

A coalition of labour groups is organizing to protect the rights of numerous groups omitted from Québec Labour Minister Pierre-Paradis' proposed social assistance programme reform.

Scrap-Paradis (Solidaires contre la réforme à Pierre Paradis), formed in July 1987, opposes the reform because of its injustice toward social welfare recipients.

Under Paradis' proposed reform, employment programs will be set up for welfare recipients, in order to avoid "direct handouts." But according to Jean Lalonde, spokesperson for Scrap, "the new jobs that will be created by these programs will not contain rights for the work-

ers."

"Welfare recipients will not be eligible for unionization, worker compensation, and even their rights to minimum wage will be easily violated," he said. Lalonde said the proposed welfare cutbacks will force recipients to join these employment programs "just to survive."

Paradis' reform poses serious consequences for minors leaving home before they turn 18. "There are scores of young people under 18 who don't live with their families. There isn't any social help available for them, if they need it, because the system still considers them as dependents on their parents," Lalonde said. This puts pressure on

the young people to seek financial help from their parents, making it harder for them to become independent.

According to the reform, women with children will be regarded as 'dependent' on their husbands, and will not have access to child-care allowance if they wish to work. Their dependence on their husbands will be defined even more

clearly as welfare cheques are usually made out to the 'head' of the family.

"Scrap wants to educate both women and unions of the consequences of the reform," said Scrap member, Denis Poudreiller, "so they will understand how they are affected." Scrap wants to work with these groups in order to rally public

support.

Scrap Paradis will picket in front of the Liberal Party congress in Québec City, February 26. Various regional activities throughout Québec will follow in March. It is not known when a decision will be made on the adoption of the Paradis reform, but as Lalonde stressed "that does not change what we have to do."



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Following the recent troubling events in Tibet, a few McGill students, with other Montréalers have formed the Canada-Tibet Committee, a political action group similar in mandate to the U.S.-Tibet Committee, headquartered in New York. Two meetings have already taken place and an enthusiastic group of Canadians and Tibetans have agreed to work together to pursue the following aims:

- To assemble, translate and distribute up-to-date facts on events in Tibet.
- To protest human rights violations which have taken place and continue to take place in Tibet, through demonstrations, letter-writing campaigns and communication with human rights groups such as Amnesty International.
- To inform Canadian politicians of the situation in Tibet and to encourage them to take a public stand against human rights violations there.
- To work with the U.S. Tibet Committee which is already well-established and which has conducted several successful events. A liaison person has been appointed to disseminate information from United States to our members, and to co-ordinate activities between our two organizations as need-be.
- To attempt to develop the Canada-Tibet Committee into a cross-Canada network, whose regional groups would be comprised, ideally of Tibetans as well as Canadians. To co-ordinate activities, each group would appoint a communications person, who would maintain contact with the as-yet undesignated Montréal representative.
- To conduct seminars, cultural events and publish literature that will increase the general awareness of Tibet among the Canadian public.

The Canada-Tibet Committee is totally committed to the ideals of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and his government in exile in Dharamsala India. We are 100 per cent opposed to violence. We wish only to help those who are suffering in Tibet and to stop the on-going destruction of the Tibetan culture and religion.

If you are interested in serving the aims of our organization and in helping to develop the Canada-Tibet Committee, or if you would like to be placed on a mailing list, please write to us at the above address for more information on what you can do.

The Canada-Tibet Committee

letters

Free speech not at issue

To the Daily

Voltaire might defend to the death the right of Pedro Chamorro, private citizen, to speak his peace on the Sandinista government, human rights in Nicaragua, manifest destiny or hang gliding in the Yukon. I doubt he would defend the right of Pedro Chamorro, contra, mercenary and pawn to presume to speak for the Nicaraguan people or to claim a legitimacy equal to that of the Sandinista government—and this is where the real issue lies.

This is an issue entirely apart from the question of what Chamorro actually has to say about Nicaragua. By all means, the PSSA should encourage discussion and awareness of Central America. Nicaragua is certainly not immune from criticism, and the arguments for and against the Sandinista regime should be brought out so that we can expose, refute or accept the positions of Chamorro and friends. The free-speech argument could be deployed to defend this kind of debate. However neither "free speech" nor "objectivity" can defend the presence of a contra as a speaker at McGill. To give him a platform and status as an

'alternative' implicates us in the big lie that the contras have any kind of political or moral legitimacy as "legitimate dissent" in Nicaragua, when all the facts, meticulously gathered by Americas Watch and Amnesty International point the other way. Any political scientist worthy of the name should be able to see this.

A discussion or forum on the future of Nicaragua might have been a way to bring out the contra philosophy, or lack thereof. The presence of Chamorro as a guest of McGill, however, makes a statement which entirely separate from the text of his remarks.

Amy Kaler
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Ed note: Tony Ybarra spoke at McGill. A last minute change was made, after the Daily reported that Chamorro would speak.

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Thérèse Espinoza, a Nicaraguan woman refutes contra spokesperson Tony Ybarra at McGill on Friday.

Freedom of speech is a privilege for those who can afford it. But those who can't need it most.

Andrew Fischer

Scrivener says 'thanks'

To the Daily

An open letter to the ASUS Executive Council:

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Andrew Burgess
for the staff of Scrivener

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Battered women help hotline needs government help

by Shelley Fishbach

A two-month-old Québec telephone hotline for battered women has already received over 700 calls for help from both women and men, but the provincial government isn't hearing the hotline's call for help.

According to Elizabeth Harper, Montréal region delegate for a coalition of 36 Québec women's shelters, current government financing is "inadequate" and as a result, shelters are understaffed and can't provide all the services they should.

"The Québec government thinks it gives enough money, but it doesn't," she said.

The hotline co-ordinator,

Camille Dubuc, said that of the 479 calls received in December, 225 came from battered women and 18 came from men seeking counselling to control their violent behaviour. The rest of the calls, according to Dubuc, were from concerned third parties such as friends, relatives and social workers.

The toll-free, bilingual line, called SOS Domestic Violence, runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is financed by the Québec Justice Department.

According to Dubuc, women who seek temporary shelter are referred to a shelter nearest them. There are ten women's shelters in Montréal and 70 in Québec.

Harper said the hotline helped



women get the emergency help they needed. "Before, women who were in danger would have to phone one shelter after another to find room. This way they get shelter right away by just being plugged into the hotline switch board," she said.

She added that the service is especially helpful to women in the rural regions of Québec, "who don't know where to turn."

Men are referred to therapy

groups for batterers, including one run by McGill's Social Work Clinic.

Michael Unger, a counsellor who runs two groups at the McGill clinic said the hotline was a valuable serv-

ice, "for men as well as women. They can find a counselling group without having to go through intermediaries such as receptionists at social service agencies and social workers. They are very fragile people even though they are batterers," he said.

"The less time it takes them to get services the better so they don't get discouraged and give up in the process," he said.

Dubuc anticipates an even greater surge of calls after the hotline's publicity campaign of ads on television and newspapers this month.

She was concerned that the publicity may overload Montréal's shelters.

Monique Durette, director of the Escalier pour Elle shelter in Montréal agreed. "With the publicity starting, the situation will just get worse. It will be very frustrating for women who call but can't get shelter. We need many more houses in Montréal within the next three years."

New democrat assails Tories

by Chris Lawson

New Democrat Finance Critic Michael Cassidy launched a well rehearsed attack on the Mulroney government's record at McGill last Tuesday.

In an interview with the *Daily*, Cassidy criticized the Conservative government's record on free trade, defence, and tax reform and predicted tremendous gains for the NDP in the upcoming federal election.

"The Mulroney government has been deceptive, misleading and hypocritical in the way they've been peddling free trade," Cassidy said.

He said the Mulroney government portrayal of Canada under free trade as a "consumer paradise" is a dangerous "fiction." According to Cassidy, optimistic estimates of the impact of free trade predict that consumer prices will be lower by only one or two per cent.

"They've spent \$12 million promoting free trade," he said. "and it's going to mean \$2 billion a year in lost government revenue. What they don't talk about in their literature is who is going to pay for the lost revenue."

Free Trade will be an important issue in the next election, according to Cassidy, "and by the end of it you'll have the NDP against it, Turner and the Liberals saying they're against it, but nobody believing them, and the Tories in favour."

Cassidy said his party would poll well because of this. "We'll be in a position to be more than just 'the conscience of the nation'."

Cassidy criticized Québec premier Robert Bourassa's pro-free trade stance, saying that the agreement would damage Québec's industrial development.

"Once Mr. Bourassa looks in detail at what is going to happen to hydro prices he'll change his mind about free trade," Cassidy predicted. "He will no longer be able to

charge New York three times as much for electricity as he charges Québec, which means he'll no



longer have a made-in-Québec price to use as a tool for industrial development, he'll have a made-in-New York price."

Cassidy was recently accused by Conservative Atlantic MPs of vote mongering in Québec, for complaining that New Brunswick got a greater share of the frigate contract than they deserved. Cassidy apologized for the "misleading" remark.

"I made a statement that was not part of party policy. If we formed a government, we'd be stuck with decisions already made. In this case it didn't make sense to insist on the re-allocation of that work," he said.

Canadians work for Nicaragua

by Jorge Rivas

Four Canadian brigadistas gave a presentation on the Nicaraguan brigade experience last Saturday at the Librairie Pathfinder.

Brigadistas work as volunteers in Nicaragua, either as labourers or technicians.

An audience of about 60 listened to the talks given by each of the brigadistas, which were followed by a slide show and a discussion period.

"We are a group of 12 to 15 people from Montréal who are organizing to go to San Carlos, Nicaragua, to build a communal kitchen for the people displaced by the contra war," said Katie Curtin, a member of the planned brigade.

"There are over 250,000 displaced people in Nicaragua," according to Colin McKay, one of the speakers at the presentation, and a former brigade member.

"Our project is to build a kitchen that will feed the entire camp, so that many of the people in the camp will be freed to do other things," said Marie-Joseph Duplessis, also of the San Carlos brigade.

"Since the Nicaraguan government has to spend its money on the war it can't spend it on the infra-

structure of the economy. We are going to the Rio San Juan region, where there are many camps for refugees of the war," she said.

"There are three kinds of brigades," said McKay, "the first kind goes to help bring in the coffee harvest. Nicaragua's coffee exports earn hard currency necessary to buy many needed medical supplies such as vaccines and contraceptives."

"There is a shortage of labour because of the war and we want to help the Nicaraguan people continue making the advancements they are making," said Tom Leys, who has also been on a brigade to Nicaragua.

"The second kind engage in special projects," continued McKay, "like the communal kitchen that the San Carlos brigade is going to build. The third kind are technical brigades, usually involving people with special skills and knowledge."

"We learned a lot by going to Nicaragua," said Rolande Girarde, who has also been on a brigade. "I could see the gains established by the people. In 1979 the people of Nicaragua overthrew the Somoza regime. The first thing they did was lower the illiteracy to eight per cent

and initiated a campaign against polio and other diseases.

"They lowered the infant mortality rate to the lowest ever and instituted an agricultural reform program to feed all the people of Nicaragua, not just those who could afford it. They have also established an autonomy project for the native people of the Nicaraguan east coast," she said.

"This is an example for all of Latin America, and for the United States it is a bad example. This is why the U.S. formed and finances the contras to destroy this example. The contra war has cost Nicaragua at least 50 000 wounded and over 20 000 dead, and has left many hospitals, schools and villages in ruins. All this in a country of just three million," she added.

"The brigade experience is extremely powerful and extremely moving," said Leys, "one that you have to do to know. The Nicaraguan people are engineering a new society and they have to measure their accomplishments at a time when they are being attacked by the world's most powerful military power."

During the discussion period, two

members of the audience asked how "the Nicaraguan people see the struggles of the Haitian and Palestinian peoples fighting for self-determination and liberation from oppression?"

According to McKay, "these are two struggles, like in South Africa and El Salvador, which the Nicaraguan people follow closely."

"The Nicaraguan people make immediate comparisons with the Israeli policy to break heads and break bones, and the Ton Ton Macoutes' policy of terrorizing voters, with the methods of the contras. They feel greatly for these struggles because they have had to go through the same thing," he said.

He mentioned recent visits to Nicaragua by Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, and Sam Njomi, president of the South West African Peoples Organization.

McKay read from a speech Njomi made while in Nicaragua: "We believe your victory is our victory because the detestable racist South African regime is part of imperialism—the same imperialism that is fighting to return to Nicaragua."

sportshorts

by Susie Petersiel

Men's hockey almost in the playoffs

The Redmen split games this weekend, bringing their OUAA record to 10-3-1 in the last 14 games. Friday night the team dropped a game 5-4 to sixth-ranked UQTR, but won a key game 6-4 over Ottawa Sunday to land in a tie with Concordia for second place in the OUAA East division. François Olivier scored his second career hattrick, while Paul Pulver netted the winning goal for his sixth of the season against Ottawa. Olivier has just returned to the lineup after an injury and has already scored a point in 11 consecutive games. Mario De Benedictis added four assists against Ottawa, moving into third place in Redmen league scoring in only seven games. He has passed thirty team players in scoring in his first eighteen days with the Redmen. Tim Iannone, with goals in both weekend games, is one goal short of tying the all-time McGill single season goal-scoring record of 40, originally set in 1938-39 by the late Russ McConnell. He needs three more goals to break the league record for a QUAA based team.

In last Tuesday's game against Concordia, McGill won 8-7, with 3 goals and 3 assists from

DeBenedictis, tying a modern day team record for most points in a league game. Captain André Martin, a defenseman not known particularly for his scoring had a four-point game with one goal and three assists.

The Redmen need one more point to clinch a playoff spot for the fifth consecutive season, and their eleven league wins tie the team record for most wins in a season in conference play.

The Martlets continued their abysmal season true to form last week, losing all three games they played. Tuesday they lost 10-2 to Concordia, Friday they were shut out 9-0 by Laval, and Saturday they were defeated by UQTR 7-4.

This weekend the Redmen face both the U of T Blues and the York Yeomen at Molson Winter Stadium. The series with U of T began in February of 1899 with the Blues winning twice as often as the Redmen. They last visited Montréal in 1967. The York game marks the first time the teams meet in league play. And don't forget, Friday night's game (19h30) includes a Blues Brothers Costume Party (cute, huh?), and Saturday (17h00) is Fan Appreciation Night.

McGill B-ball teams sweep double header

The Martlets made an impressive comeback after trailing 42-34 at halftime against Laval on Friday, winning 81-74 and capturing sole possession of first place in the QUAA. They are also ranked 9th, up from 10th, in the CIAU. Top scorer was Leah Hayman with 18 points. She ranks sixth in scoring in the QUAA with 69 points.

The Redmen completed the doubleheader sweep with an exciting 67-66 last-minute victory over UQTR. The teams were tied 36 apiece at halftime, and came back on the court to trade baskets until the fourth quarter when UQTR pulled ahead 63-56. McGill tied the score at 64

with 45 seconds to go. David Steiner grabbed a UQTR turnover to pull the Redmen ahead 66-64, giving them the win after UQTR's final basket failed to drop. Steiner, the team's leading scorer and fifth in the QUAA with 93 points, was the game's top scorer with 15 points. The Redmen are now tied for first place in the QUAA with Concordia and Bishop's.

Both teams travel to Lennoxville for a doubleheader against Bishop's Saturday February 13. The Redmen play at 13h00 and the Martlets at 15h00. Sunday, February 14 at 15h00, the Redmen meet up with UQTR in Trois Rivières.

Women's v-ball in qualification tourney

The QUAA Volleyball Qualification Tournament takes place this Saturday from 10h00 - 18h00 at the Currie Gym. Participating women's teams who will play best two out of three are

second ranked Sherbrooke, fourth ranked Laval, Chicoutimi and McGill. Men's teams, playing best three out of five are fourth ranked Laval, tenth ranked Sherbrooke, and Chicoutimi.

Indoor track and field meet

The Third Annual McGill Indoor Track and Field Meet will take place at the Claude Robillard Centre on Valentine's Day from 12h00-17h00. The meet is open to all university, CEGEP and

club athletes. For registration information call Dennis Barrett at 398-7000.

The Redmen now rank 9th in Canada, and the Martlets 10th.

Swimming

The Marlinettes Synchronized Swim Team travels to Toronto to compete in the OWIAA championships at York University from February 12-14. The team placed fifth at the OWIAA Ranking Meet at Trent on January 30. When they return, the team members will be gearing up for their 36th Annual Watershow, which takes place

at the Currie Gym pool on March 18.

The Redmen and Martlet Swim Teams swam at the Maritime Meet in Wolfville, N.S. last weekend. The Martlets placed third of five teams, and the Redmen second of five. Dalhousie's men's and women's teams both placed first. The Redmen now rank 7th in Canada, and the Martlets 6th.

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Pro-choice comment
"biased"

To the Daily:

This letter is in response to the article "Supreme Court takes step for women" which appeared in the February 1st issue of the Daily. Not only am I disgusted by your blatantly one-sided treatment of the Supreme Court's decision regarding abortion, but I resent the implication that "Pro-lifers" are narrow-minded, being one myself. For example, I believe that every woman should have the right to control her reproductive behaviour by saying no to a sexual relationship or by using an appropriate form of birth control. She should not, however, have the right to terminate another human life.

The aforementioned article stated that "...a fetus has yet to be conclusively designated human." On the other hand, a fetus also has yet to be conclusively designated non-human. Therefore, "science" shouldn't mess around with something they have insufficient information about, especially when a human life may be at stake.

I personally believe that a fetus is a human being. From the moment of conception, he or she has his or her own unique genetic identity. By the time most women are aware of their pregnancy, the fetus already has its own heartbeat. By the time many abortions are performed, most fetuses are recognizable as being human. Therefore, I believe that every fetus should enjoy the same rights to life and "security of the person" that the rest of us should enjoy. In my view, being cut into pieces does not constitute life or "security of the person."

In conclusion, I find it very surprising that a newspaper which has traditionally stood for equality of human rights and against misuse of technology, particularly in areas which involve real or possible negative effects to humanity and nature, could support such a heinous decision.

Stephen Clark

U2 Agricultural Engineering

Ed. note: the editorial was certainly biased—by definition, in fact.

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refugee on *Liberation Politics in South Africa*. 16h00, Union 425-426.

Amnesty International: Benefit film presentation of *El Norte*. 20h00, FDA Auditorium. Regular Film Society admission.

Faculty of Law: *Morgentaler vs. the Queen: How, Why and Whither?*, a lecture by Morris Manning, Q.C.. 17h15, Moot Court room 3644 Peel St.

Women's Union: General meeting. 17h00, Union 423.

McGill Outing Club: General meeting. 19h30, Lea 232.

Q-PIRG: Press conference with Ralph Nader on *Toxic Cloud and Incinerators: What Can We Do About the Issue?* 14h30, Concordia, 1455 de Maisonneuve, rm. H110. Public lecture on the same topic, same place, 16h00, \$1 admission.

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